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SUMMARY PARA 7 REQUESTS INSTRUCTED APPROACH IN ATHENS,
PER IO-USUN TELECONS END SUMMARY

1. MFA OFFICIAL'S PRESENTATION TO EMBOFFS (REPORTED REFTEL) OF
INSTRUCTIONS TO UN GREEK DELEGATION TO SUPPORT FRIENDLY RESO-
LUTION ON CAMBODIA PUT FORWARD BY ASIAN AND OTHER COSPONSORS,
ALBEIT WITH "CERTAIN MARGIN OF MANEUVER", IS A CONSIDERABLY FIRMER
POSITION THAN THAT SHOWN IN GREEK PERMREP CARAYANNIS' PERFORMANCE
HERE NOVEMBER 27. CARAYANNIS DID INDEED USE HIS MANEUVERING
AUTHORITY TO THE FULL--AND NOT HELPFUL TO OUR SIDE.

2. KNOWING THAT VOTE ON BOTH PRIORITY AND SUBSTANCE OF SAEAN
RESOLUTION WOULD BE EXTREMELY CLOSE, AMBASSADOR BENNETT
APPROACHED CARAYANNIS IN GA LOBBY LATE AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 27
AMB BENNETT REMINDED HIM OF FIRM COMMITMENT OF SUPPORT GIVEN
JAPANESE COSPONSOR BY GOG EARLIER IN TOKYO (SEE PARA 6) AND
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REFERRED TO MORE CRECENT EXCHANGES HERE (WHERE GREEKS WERE LESS

CATEGORICALLY POSITIVE BUT NEVER MENTIONED INSTRUCTIONS TO ABSTAIN).

BENNETT STRESSED OUTLOOK FOR CLOSE VOTE AND SAID WE HOPED WE COULD COUNT ON GREEK SUPPORT ON PRIORITY AND SUBSTANCE. CARAYANNIS WAS AMBIVALENT AT SOME LENGTH. HE REMARKED IT WAS CLEAR TO HIM THAT ASSEMBLY WAS VERY FINELY BALANCED ON KHMER ISSUE. ON FIFTY-FIFTY SITUATION OF THIS SORT GREECE IN HER PRESENT SITUATION COULD NOT AFFORD TO TAKE SIDES. THEY HAD VOTED OUR WAY ON PALESTINE ISSUE, HE SAID, AND HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO CONSIDERABLE CRITICISM FROM NON-ALIGNED. HE RECALLED IT WAS NON-ALIGNED WHO HAD BEEN HELPFUL TO GREECE ON CYPRUS RESOLUTION, AND NON-ALIGNED, PARTICULARLY ALGERIA AND YUGOSLAVIA, WERE PRESSING HIM HARD ON KHMER ISSUE. SINCE, HE REITERATED, GREECE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN ACHIEVING SUITABLE CYPRUS RESOLUTION WITHOUT ASSISTANCE OF COUNTRIES SUCH AS ALGERIA AND YUGOSLAVIA, HE HAD TO KEEP THIS BACKGROUND IN MIND. GIVEN THIS SITUATION, HIS INSTRUCTIONS WERE FOR HIM TO ABSTAIN ACROSS THE BOARD. HE SAID HE HOPED PERSONALLY OUR SIDE WOULD WIN BUT REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS WERE FOR ABSTENTION.

3. BENNETT COMMENTED THAT, IF CARAYANNIS REALLY WANTED OUT SIDE TO WIN, THEN BEST WAY TO INSURE THAT WOULD BE TO SUPPORT ASAINS AND OTHERS BY VOTING WITH THEM. CARAYANNIS AGAIN REFERRED TO HIS INSTRUCTIONS AND SUGGESTED ONLY WAY TO ENABLE HIM TO CHANGE FROM ABSTENTION WOULD BE FOR US TO GET IN TOUCH WITH FONMIN BITSIOS FOR NEW INSTRUCTIONS. HE RECOGNIZED THIS WOULD MEAN CALLING BITSIOS AT 1 A.M. OR LATER IN ATHENS BUT SAID THIS WAS ALL HE COULD THINK OF. THIS POSSIBILITY WAS DISCUSSED WITH DEPARTMENT, AND USUN WAS LATER INFORMED THAT IT HAD BEEN DECIDED AGAINST TRYING TO REACH BITSIOS AT THAT HOUR.

4. ABOVE IS REPORTED IN SOME DETAIL SINCE WE FACE IN MORNING NOVEMBER 29 REAL POSSIBILITY OF DETERMINED ATTEMPT ON PART OF CHINA, ALGERIA, YUGOSLAVIA AND OTHERS, AIDED BY ALGERIAN PRESIDENT OF GA, TO EXPLOIT PROCEDURAL OPENING TO OVERTURN BASIC GA DECISION OF EARLY HOURS NOVEMBER 28 IN FAVOR ASEAN RESOLUTION. SINCE BASIC DECISION ON QUESTION OF GIVING CAMBODIAN SEAT TO SIHANOUK HAS BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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MADE BY GA, WE BELIEVE GREECE SHOULD NOT LONGER CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO STRADDLE THE ISSUE. OUR MARGIN OF VICTORY IN FIRST DAYS' VOTING WAS ONLY TWO VOTES, AND OTHER SIDE IS WONT TO APPLY HEAVY PRESSURES ON WEAKER NON-ALIGNED STATES. GREECE'S VOTE COULD BE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO US AND WE HOPE CARAYANNIS CAN BE INSTRUCTED TO JOIN US WITHOUT EQUIVOCATION IN UPHOLDING DECISION EARLIER TAKEN. HIS INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD BE BROAD ENOUGH TO COVER FULL SUPPORT FOR GROUP

ON WHATEVER TWISTINGS AND TURNINGS OF PROCEDURE THAT MAY
FEATURE NOVEMBER 29 MEETING OF GA.

5. JAPANESE MISSION IS ASKING TOKYO TO INSTRUCT
JAPANESE EMBASSY ATHENS FOR PARALLEL DEMARCHE, IN
CONSULTATION WITH US EMBASSY THERE.

6. JAPANESE MISSION NOV. 28 TRANSLATED FOR US VERBATIM
ITS TELEGRAM FROM TOKYO REPORTING COMMITMENT MADE BY
GREEKS NOV. 11 IN TOKYO. "THE GREEK AMBASSADOR INFORMED
SUZUKI, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR UN AFFAIRS, THAT GREECE
WOULD SUPPORT JAPAN ON BOTH PRIORITY AND SUBSTANCE."

7. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR DEMARCHE
IN ATHENS TO TAKE PLACE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE FRIDAY
MORNING TO INSURE APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS FOR GREEK
SUPPORT HERE IN PLENARY MEETING MORNING SAME DAY.

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